



**FAQ Hillside Cottage** 

## **Contact Information**

Hillside Cottage's address is 7362 E. State Route 106, Union, Washington 98592. The Cottage sits at the top of the driveway to the right, with access directly from the parking lot. Our resident Host, Dan Oberg, can be reached at 509-670-1666.

## What time can I check in?

Unless other arrangements have been made with us, check-in is any time after 5 p.m. on the day of your arrival. Check-out time is a firm 1 p.m. You will find the Cottage unlocked when you arrive -- you can go directly to the Cottage without visiting the Office or the Lodge. Your key will be on the kitchen counter with other Welcome materials -- when you arrive, please call or text Dan at 509-670-1666 to let him know.

## How many people can stay at the Cottage?

The cottage is a four-bedroom, two bath house. There is one bedroom accessed from the front porch. In deference to our limited septic system and the Union Fire Department's evaluation, the total sleeping capacity is eight.

**Do I need to bring my pillow?** All linens, blankets, pillows, towels, and washcloths are provided for a maximum of eight guests. Please do not bring linens, sleeping bags, stuffed animals, and pillows from home. Daily linen service is not included. Extra blankets and linens are stored in the Linen Closet in the living room.

**Do I need to bring cooking equipment?** The Cottage offers a fully equipped kitchen for your use, including coffee maker and microwave. Coffee filters are provided, and tissues, toilet paper and paper towels.

What about food or meals? Unless you are part of a larger group staying at Sacred Waters and are included in their meal schedule, Cottage guests are responsible for their own food and meal preparation. You will need to bring all food and drink (including coffee and tea) that you

will need during your stay. There is a gas station/convenience store about 1.5 miles from the Cottage. The closest grocery store is in Shelton, about 12 miles from the Cottage.

**Where can I eat out?** Good dining out options are available within 1-3 miles of the Cottage--Union Square Deli, Alderbrook Resort, Alderbrook Golf Club and Dos Margaritas.

Do you have a BBQ? No.

**Can I bring Fido?** We love pets, but to help reduce the amount of allergens, and to limit the wear and tear on the house, we are not able to have pets in the Cottage unless they are service animals. Please inform the Director if you need to bring a service animal.

Where can I walk/hike? Sacred Waters is blessed with amazing grounds, with gardens, lawns and walk trails. Please be considerate to the guests staying in the other buildings, but enjoy chatting with folks who share the outdoor spaces. There are is a hiking trail up the hill, which starts at the top of the parking lot above the Cottage. Trails are easy to follow, but it's also easy to get lost in the upper forest, so bring your phone and a friend.

There are beautiful nature trails at nearby Alderbrook Resort as well. Walk down the highway west about ¼ mile, until the crosswalk at the Resort. The nature trails are just up the hill, and are well-marked and maintained, with options for levels of difficulty.

What is the Grief Grove? Our trail will take you through our forest and past the Grief Grove, a standing of alder trees that many have been blessed by in remembering loved ones. You are welcome to spend time there as well; just be mindful if someone or a group is observing silence.

**What about the beach?** The only beach access is on the outside stairs next to Bayne Cottage, just a little way east on Highway 106. You have to walk through the front gate of Bayne to access the stairs. Please exercise consideration to the guests at Bayne when you go down the stairs, and caution for yourselves, as the stairs can be wet and slippery.

Do you have a television? No, but you can stream using the Wifi provided.

**Do you have access to the internet?** Yes, wireless internet is provided -- computer is up to you. Wireless password is posted in the kitchen.

What time do I have to leave? Check out time is 1:00 pm, unless you have made special arrangements with us for a later check out. We ask that our guests strip the beds of the sheets and pile them in the corner of the living room, thoroughly clean oven and refrigerator spills, and run your used dishes through the dishwasher. Because the turnaround window is 3-4 hours, please be respectful of check in and out times. Trash & recycling can be taken with you or left in the containers labeled for these.

We hope you have a wonderful stay at Sacred Waters! Please contact me if you need anything.

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